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Substitute House Bill No. 5909

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The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. DYSON of the 94th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

An Act Implementing The Legislative Commissioners' Recommendations For Technical Revisions To Certain Statutes Concerning State Employees, Health Insurance Plans Procured By The Comptroller And The Payment In Lieu Of Taxes (PILOT) On State-Owned Real Property.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 5-248j of the general statutes, as
2 amended by section 33 of public act 99-1 of the June special session, is
3 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

4 (a) On and after June 1, 1998, each full-time employee in a
5 permanent position in the state service, who is not represented by a
6 collective bargaining representative, who worked at least one full
7 calendar year, shall be granted one week of additional annual vacation,
8 with pay, based upon [their] such employee's normal work schedule
9 for each calendar year that [they are] such employee is a Big Brother or
10 Big Sister in the Big Brothers and Big Sisters program. The first year

11 period shall be measured annually from September, 1998. Effective
12 January 1, 1999, the year period shall be measured annually from
13 January first of each year. In no event shall an individual receive more
14 than one week of vacation for the period from September, 1998,
15 through December 31, 1999. The Big Brothers and Big Sisters program
16 shall provide a list to the state of the employees who are certified as
17 eligible under this program within one month of full acceptance into
18 the program and shall certify to the state the names of the employees
19 who have completed a year of full participation in the program as a
20 Big Brother or Big Sister. If such an employee does not participate for
21 the full year or does not satisfy the expected regular time
22 commitments, no additional vacation time shall be granted. The
23 decision to grant the additional vacation time shall be subject to
24 approval by the Office of Policy and Management and shall not be
25 subject to appeal under section 5-202 or under any collectively
26 bargained agreement. The regulations regarding the utilization of
27 vacation shall govern the utilization of the additional time earned
28 hereunder.

29 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 5-259 of the general statutes, as
30 amended by section 25 of public act 99-240 and section 52 of public act
31 99-241, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

32 (a) The Comptroller, with the approval of the Attorney General and
33 of the Insurance Commissioner, shall arrange and procure a group
34 hospitalization and medical and surgical insurance plan or plans for
35 (1) state employees, (2) members of the General Assembly who elect
36 coverage under such plan or plans, (3) employees of the Connecticut
37 Institute for Municipal Studies established by section 1-135, (4)
38 participants in an alternate retirement program who meet the service
39 requirements of section 5-162 or subsection (a) of section 5-166, (5)
40 anyone receiving benefits under section 5-144 or from any
41 state-sponsored retirement system, except the teachers' retirement
42 system and the municipal employees retirement system, (6) judges of

43 probate and Probate Court employees, (7) the surviving spouse, until
44 remarriage, and any dependent children until they reach the age of
45 eighteen, of a member of an organized local police department or a
46 constable who performs criminal law enforcement duties who dies as
47 the result of injuries received while acting within the scope of such
48 officer's or constable's employment and not as the result of illness or
49 natural causes and (8) employees of the Capital City Economic
50 Development Authority established by section 32-601. The minimum
51 benefits to be provided by such plan or plans shall be substantially
52 equal in value to the benefits which each such employee or member of
53 the General Assembly could secure in such plan or plans on an
54 individual basis on the preceding first day of July. The state shall pay
55 for each such employee and each member of the General Assembly
56 covered by such plan or plans the portion of the premium charged for
57 such [member] member's or employee's individual coverage and
58 seventy per cent of the additional cost of the form of coverage and
59 such amount shall be credited to the total premiums owed by such
60 employee or member of the General Assembly for the form of such
61 [member] member's or employee's coverage under such plan or plans.
62 On and after January 1, 1989, the state shall pay for anyone receiving
63 benefits from any such state-sponsored retirement system one
64 hundred per cent of the portion of the premium charged for such
65 [member] member's or employee's individual coverage and one
66 hundred per cent of any additional cost for the form of coverage. The
67 balance of any premiums payable by an individual employee or by a
68 member of the General Assembly for the form of coverage shall be
69 deducted from the payroll by the State Comptroller. The total
70 premiums payable shall be remitted by the Comptroller to the
71 insurance company or companies or nonprofit organization or
72 organizations providing the coverage. The amount of the state's
73 contribution per employee for a health maintenance organization
74 option shall be equal, in terms of dollars and cents, to the largest
75 amount of the contribution per employee paid for any other option

76 which is available to all eligible state employees included in the health
77 benefits plan, but shall not be required to exceed the amount of the
78 health maintenance organization premium.

79 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 12-19a of the general statutes, as
80 amended by section 11 of public act 99-1 of the June special session, is
81 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

82 (a) On or before January first, annually, the Secretary of the Office of
83 Policy and Management shall determine the amount due, as a state
84 grant in lieu of taxes, to each town in this state wherein state-owned
85 real property, reservation land held in trust by the state for an Indian
86 tribe or a municipally owned airport, except that which was acquired
87 and used for highways and bridges, but not excepting property
88 acquired and used for highway administration or maintenance
89 purposes, is located. The grant payable to any town under the
90 provisions of this section in the state fiscal year commencing July 1,
91 1999, and each fiscal year thereafter, shall be equal to the total of (1) (A)
92 one hundred per cent of the property taxes which would have been
93 paid with respect to any facility designated by the Commissioner of
94 Correction, on or before August first of each year, to be a correctional
95 facility administered under the auspices of the Department of
96 Correction or a juvenile detention center under direction of the
97 Department of Children and Families that was used for incarcerative
98 purposes during the preceding fiscal year. If a list containing the name
99 and location of such designated facilities and information concerning
100 their use for purposes of incarceration during the preceding fiscal year
101 is not available from the Secretary of the State on the first day of
102 August of any year, said commissioner shall, on said first day of
103 August, certify to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
104 Management a list containing such information, [and] (B) one hundred
105 per cent of the property taxes which would have been paid with
106 respect to that portion of the John Dempsey Hospital located at The
107 University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington that is used as

108 a permanent medical ward for prisoners under the custody of the
109 Department of Correction. Nothing in this section shall be construed as
110 designating any portion of The University of Connecticut Health
111 Center John Dempsey Hospital as a correctional facility, and (C) in the
112 state fiscal year commencing July 1, 2001, and each fiscal year
113 thereafter, one hundred per cent of the property taxes which would
114 have been paid on any land designated within the 1983 Settlement
115 boundary and taken into trust by the federal government for the
116 Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation on or after June 8, 1999, (2) subject
117 to the provisions of subsection (c) of this section, forty per cent of the
118 property taxes which would have been paid with respect to the
119 buildings and grounds comprising Connecticut Valley Hospital in
120 Middletown. Such grant shall commence with the fiscal year beginning
121 July 1, 1995, and continuing each year thereafter, (3) notwithstanding
122 the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this section, with respect to
123 any town in which more than fifty per cent of the property is state-
124 owned real property, one hundred per cent of the property taxes
125 which would have been paid with respect to such state-owned
126 property. Such grant shall commence with the fiscal year beginning
127 July 1, 1997, and continuing each year thereafter, (4) subject to the
128 provisions of subsection (c) of this section, forty-five per cent of the
129 property taxes which would have been paid with respect to all other
130 state-owned real property, and (5) forty-five per cent of the property
131 taxes which would have been paid with respect to all municipally
132 owned airports; except for the exemption applicable to such property,
133 on the assessment list in such town for the assessment date two years
134 prior to the commencement of the state fiscal year in which such grant
135 is payable. The grant provided pursuant to this section for any
136 municipally owned airport shall be paid to any municipality in which
137 the airport is located, except that the grant applicable to Sikorsky
138 Airport shall be paid half to the town of Stratford and half to the city of
139 Bridgeport. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, and in each fiscal
140 year thereafter, the amount of the grant payable to each municipality

141 in accordance with this section shall be reduced proportionately in the
142 event that the total of such grants in such year exceeds the amount
143 appropriated for the purposes of this section with respect to such year.

144 Sec. 4. Subsection (d) of section 16-2 of the general statutes, as
145 amended by section 1 of public act 99-248, is repealed and the
146 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

147 (d) The commissioners of the authority shall serve full time and
148 shall make full public disclosure of their assets, liabilities and income
149 at the time of their appointment, and thereafter each member of the
150 authority shall make such disclosure on or before July thirtieth of each
151 year of [their] such member's term, and shall file such disclosure with
152 the office of the Secretary of the State. Each commissioner shall receive
153 annually a salary equal to that established for management pay plan
154 salary group seventy-five by the Commissioner of Administrative
155 Services, except that the chairperson shall receive annually a salary
156 equal to that established for management pay plan salary group
157 seventy-seven.

158 Sec. 5. This act shall take effect from its passage.

APP Committee Vote: Yea 50 Nay 0 JFS

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Affected Agencies: Office of the State Comptroller, Office of Policy and Management

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation**State Impact:**

The bill makes various technical changes that have no fiscal impact.

OFA Bill Analysis

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AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO CERTAIN STATUTES CONCERNING STATE EMPLOYEES, HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS PROCURED BY THE COMPTROLLER AND THE PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILOT) ON STATE-OWNED REAL PROPERTY.

SUMMARY:

The bill makes technical revisions to certain statutes concerning state employees and the payment in Lieu of taxes (PILOT) on state-owned real property.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon Passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 50 Nay 0